

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Indiana Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board

Held at

Indiana Government Center South

402 W. Washington Street

Indianapolis, Indiana

Conference Room 8

Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 1pm

1. The meeting of the Indiana Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board was called to order by David Dahl at 1:24pm, Eastern Daylight Time on October 19, 2017. A quorum was found to be present.
 - a. The following Board members were present:
David Dahl, Midwestern Engineers
Lee Geiling, K&K Insurance
Max Fitzpatrick, Indiana Fair Association
Randy Niemeyer, Governor's citizen appointment
Tim Bohlander, Poor Jacks Amusements
 - b. The following Board members present via electronic communication:
Ted Bumbleburg, Purdue University
Tom Hendricks, Chief Inspector, Elevator and Amusement Safety Section, IDHS
James Olliver, Holiday World
 - c. The following departmental staff were present:
Jonathon Whitham, Legal Counsel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security
Michelle Allen, Legal Counsel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security
Chris Funkhouser, Amusement Inspector (team lead)
2. Minutes
 - a. Minutes of the July 20, 2017 were presented and approved. Signed by David Dahl.
3. Old Business
 - a. Ted Bumbleburg asked if there was any update on the search for Manufacturing candidate. Jonathon responded that no updates and asked if there was a candidate that could be named. Tim responded that he would get a name to Jonathon.
 - b. Jonathon asked about expiration and re-appointment? Response was fairly unanimous that they planned that for January meeting traditionally
 - c. James will send the updated standards he acquired to the group.
4. New Business

- a. Ethics training not received by David and Max . As per Jonathon, Chelsea Smith/Ethics Officer will send.

5. Report from the Chief Inspector

- a. There are a lot of new amusement “materials” out there and the state would want board approval/support to ensure they fall under the scope of our regulations.
- b. Traditional tractless trains are regulated but currently mentions diesel powered specifically - Jonathon? Is it anything that pulls individual cars like hayrides and St Fair internal transport? Ted thinks we are caught up by using the “tractor” terminology and should change it to “powered unit” to be able to oversee some of the newer styles such as atv, golf cart, garden tractor, farm tractors and mini monster trucks were not intended to be deleted or exempt. Max reiterated that this was established in an effort to PROTECT the public. Several slides shown of various barrel type things being pulled along by one of the aforementioned powered units. Slides prompting multiple comments of concern for ‘bungee cord seat belts’ and wheels not covered and protruding outside the individual barrels. The question of braking availability and single safety cable. It can be homemade but needs to be signed off by an engineer and several examples shown wouldn’t be. It was notably mentioned that the need to get insurance would likely keep many in check. Overall seemed there may need to be some “language” corrections. Another difficult consideration was that they would be very difficult to catch, as unlikely to need the time and effort required to set up a typical amusement ride.
- c. Recent accident involving an adolescent falling out of “hayride” at Zionsville event. So plan for Tom to put together something for the January Festival & Fairs convention. Concern over what constitutes a Hayride. It’s not meant to harass a farmer taking his family on a little jaunt but if there is a cost and open to public? There is a statutory exemption in definition of Hayride. By Amusement ride division looking into these it will “force insurance” which will make a lot of these go away. Look carefully to code with regard to ‘brakes’. Randy, points out this may be quite in-depth to cover, beyond just we will regulate. Consideration of Seating, Restraints, axle placement, frame design, brakes, pins/hooks, wheel covers, et cetera. Legal will look into the agricultural aspect. Remarked that “Hay is the golden ticket”
- d. So what does classify a hayride? Seems group agrees that when it is a Paid Ride should be regulated. Spring 2018 a written standard on this should be released. Legal will look into the agricultural aspect. Remarked that “Hay is the golden ticket”
- e. Livestock pulling carts – Not regulated by us but probably by DOT if on city streets
- f. Electric ‘animal’ rides becoming popular in malls and something to consider down the road as possible regulation.
- g. Mechanical Bull ‘like’ devices several slides shown (shark, beer can) essentially the mechanics of a Bull just a different cover. Again need to clean up the language to be able to regulate. There does seem to be strong expectation of danger with these devices. Just because the center piece can be refitted the mechanics are still “Mechanical Bull”

- h. “Wipe Out” is coming to the FFA and Tom has asked them to send application. was questioned if participants were required to sign a waiver

Visit from Director Langley introduction by Jonathon – director says he wanted to pop in to express desire to further envelope the boards. Mentioned he had just come from an inspection and hopes to include drones in future.

- i. Need statute change to regulate some of these and an interpretation of “mechanical operation”
- j. Mule powered merry go round? If mechanical at all probably should be regulated but after board agreed that ziplines should be regulated & that failed in the upper echelon, there is some concern for time management.
- k. Ziplines – we are not certified to inspect so does that equal no we don’t inspect. Per Jonathon there is no desire at this time to change, but perhaps a fresh set of eyes could be turned on the topic. They aren’t regulated but there are ‘guidelines’ to install & use. Would need to produce a specific Rule or Definition. Determine cost to test, inspect. Study ratio of those costs to need on public safety. This all should be addressed when you get to the ASTM

6. Adjournment

- a. A call for further business was made and hearing none, a motion and second to adjourn was made. It was voted and agreed upon and meeting adjourned at 2:48pm

Approved:_____